

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1815 - SB 2239**

February 5, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes public disclosure of records of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) concerning radioactive materials; provided that such records are redacted of all information considered confidential by federal law.

Exempts from public disclosure the location of archaeological sites and artifacts if the Commissioner of TDEC determines that disclosing such information would place the archaeological resource at risk.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to TDEC, it was common practice for the department to disclose records concerning radioactive material after redacting information considered confidential under federal law. Tennessee Code Annotated § 11-1-102 prohibits any disclosure of records concerning radioactive materials regulated by the United State Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- The proposed legislation will allow TDEC to resume its former practice of releasing records after redaction.
- Further, the proposed legislation authorizes the TDEC to withhold the location of archaeological sites or artifacts if the Commissioner determines that disclosure of such information would place the site or artifact at risk.
- The proposed legislation will not impact the operations of TDEC.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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